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## WERE NOT REALLY "VAMPISH" SMITHERS AND THE LIVERS

College Girls Hastily Become Prim  
When Their Favorite Professor  
Hove in Sight.

The girl might have been born in Greenwich village. She wore her hair bobbed, tortoise shell-rimmed glasses, a loose jersey dress, green earrings which dangled from her ears and she smoked a cigarette in an imitation jade cigarette holder. Not to overlook long green beads made of wood.

Her companion was a little less true to type. They were conspicuously at luncheon in a chop suey restaurant.

Suddenly a tall, rather distinguished looking man entered the tea room. The girl, who faced the door, gasped, "Good Lord, Dolly, there's Professor!" Lay off quick.

Instantly the earrings were jerked out of the girl's ears, her cigarette was thrown to the floor and hastily stepped on, the cigarette holder was tucked into her bag and she rubbed her napkin briskly over her lips.

The professor sat down at the opposite table and never once glanced at the two girls.—Milwaukee Journal.

## No Need of Reason.

Jack—Papa, what is reason?  
Fond Parent—Reason, my boy, is that which enables a man to determine what is right.

Jack—And what is instinct?  
Fond Parent—Instinct is that which tells a woman she is right whether she is or not.—Stray Stories.

But why is a man supposed to saw wood when he says nothing?

Synonymous Symposium That Resulted in a Change in the Custom of Many Years.

Smithers sat slyly slipping slivers of liver into his mouth. Smithers always has livers for dinner. And he demands his livers in small slivers.

Suddenly a frown came over his face "Garcon!" he demanded.

Smithers was proud of his French accent.

The waiter slipped softly to his side "These livers are not cut into small enough slivers."

The waiter became confused. He was all apologies; in fact, he was one large apology.

"Monsieur Smithers wants his slivers in smaller livers."

"No! No! I want my livers in smaller slivers."

"You mean your slippers in slivered livers?"

"No! Smithers livered in slithered slippers."

"Oh! Slivers of slithers smithered in slivered livers?"

"No! I say, slivered slivers in smaller slithers."

"Oh, yes, slithered slippers of slivered slithers livers."

Smithers changed a custom of years. "Bring me a kidney," he croaked.—Harvard Lampoon.

By taking pains, one can begin being old at 50.

A contested will is one sort of hand-me-down suit.

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"There's a Reason"Crowded  
Belgium

Belgium's "Rovers" Work for Their Keep.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

No country injured by the World War set about more earnestly to achieve reconstruction than Belgium, the one which suffered most cruelly and dramatically from the conflict. Though the damage done to the country through property destroyed, pillage and financial exactions by the Germans reached the tremendous sum of 30 billions of francs according to the estimate of the Belgium Comité Central Industriel, the people, with characteristic industry and thrift, took up the heavy task of resuscitating their country's industrial life as soon as the armistice had been signed. By the beginning of 1920 they had made such great strides that, with the exception of the steel and glass industries, production averaged three-quarters or more of pre-war production; the coal output had even reached 94 per cent and the refined sugar output 100 per cent.

But the post-war reaction which struck the United States and other countries in 1920 affected Belgium, too; and since the spring of that year Belgium has had its share of depression, closed and part-time factories and unemployment. The drought which affected many parts of the northern hemisphere has been felt in Belgium, with the result that harvests are less and food prices higher. Where the price index of living costs was 100 in 1914 it was 477 in October, 1920, and had reached only 384 in August, 1921. But the adverse economic forces in operation since early in 1920 have caused suffering even in countries not involved in the World War; and to understand that Belgium, in spite of present trials, is in a fair way to outstrip the other war-torn countries in the return to normal, it is only necessary to consider conditions in the little kingdom before the war broke in upon it.

## Its Population Is Dense.

The Belgium of today has an area less than one-fourth as great as Mississippi, and yet it has four times the population of that state. Twenty-two and a half countries like Belgium would be required to make a state like Texas, and if Texas were as densely populated as Belgium it would have as many people as the United States and Germany together now possess. If the entire United States had as many people to the square mile as Belgium—that is, continental United States, exclusive of Alaska—we would have more people here than there are in the entire world today. You could concentrate all the people of the seven seas and of all the continents here and still have room for enough more to repopulate the continent of Europe as it now stands.

It must follow from this that such a vast population, living within such narrow confines—7,579,000 souls within an area of 11,373 square miles—must be a frugal people, accustomed to self-denial, skilled in the art of economical living, and masters of the science of intensive industry; yet with all this density of population, with all the exactions of forced economy, they are a people who had so ordered their relations with one another and with their government that happiness and contentment seemed to dwell with them as with but few other peoples, and this in spite of diverse descent and diverse tongues.

## Two Distinct Peoples.

Within Belgium's small territory—smaller in area than Massachusetts and Connecticut—there are nearly three million Flemings who cannot talk with their compatriot Walloons, and about as many Walloons who cannot hold converse with their countrymen Flemings. In their habits of mind and their methods of gaining a livelihood the two peoples differ as widely as the English and the French, and in their speech they are as different as the Germans and the Scandinavians; and yet there is a tie that has bound them together for generations, with never a fratricidal war in their modern history. That tie is the bond of religion, for they all subscribe to the doctrines of the Church of Rome with a heartiness that makes them one of the best-loved peoples of the Holy See.

Their tongues are Flemish and

French, and only 10 per cent of the people can speak both. The Flemish influence never crossed the Meuse river toward the east, and the Walloon influence reached but a short distance toward the west from that beautiful valley. The line of demarcation between the two peoples is rather sharply marked.

There is a physical difference between the Walloons of eastern Belgium and the Flemings of western Belgium, just as there is a difference of tongue and stock. The Walloons are of stouter build and greater stature, and are dark where the Flemings are fair, thus bespeaking the commingling of Spanish blood. On the other hand the Flemings are the more industrious of the two peoples, and their women are said to be able to prepare the best meals out of the fewest things of almost any race in the world.

Living was cheap in pre-war Belgium. The people had thoroughly mastered the art of intensive farming, and the land, before the great war descended upon the country with its heel of iron, blossomed with the milk and honey of plenty. Being contiguous to the North sea fishing grounds, it has always possessed a liberal supply of fish, which is a staple article of diet with the people.

If living was cheap in Belgium it was no cheaper than conditions called for, because wages certainly were low. Many lace-workers, making the exquisite laces that bear the Belgium mark, worked from the rising to the setting of the sun for five dollars a week. It is said that the average wage of all the breadwinners of the country approximated only \$165 a year.

The children work after they are twelve, and all hands in a workingman's family must keep busy in order that no mouth shall go hungry. Even at this it requires, even in normal times, the utmost frugality to make the buckle of income meet the tongue of outgo. So must the Belgian housewife be an excellent manager. The Belgian wage-earning classes eat but little animal food, and most of that is fish.

## All Are Early at Work.

The day begins early for everybody in Belgium, and particularly with the wage-earners. More than half of Belgium's population lives outside the towns, and they are up at their work before the gray dawn is dispersed by the rising sun, and on clear mornings the lights of hundreds of cottages may be seen vying with the stars as they twinkle forth their message of households bestirring.

In the towns and cities the people are downtown almost as early as their neighbors across the English Channel are at breakfast. They get their midday meal around noon, and they go home for it, since remarkably low tramway fares make this possible. So it is that, instead of a mug of milk and a sandwich at some quiet lunch, many a Belgian burgher shuts up shop at 12, goes home to his largest meal of the day, eats it leisurely, and returns downtown by 2 o'clock.

The Belgian government has always felt a keen interest in the welfare of the wage-earner and the man of small affairs, and has made it possible for them to buy homes on easy terms. The national savings bank is empowered to make loans to householders for buying or building homes, and to insure their lives, so that in the event of death the family will not lose its equity in the place, and can use the insurance to wipe off the debt.

Taxes were made exceedingly low on small property owned by those who tenant it.

The entire western portion of the country resembles one vast market garden. There are no fences marking the boundaries of the many small tracts, but rather little trenches that separate one farmer's place from the others. Tens of thousands of acres of the roughest kind of land have been converted into splendid trucking gardens by western Belgians. In 1830 there was a wild stretch of land west of the Scheldt river called the Pays de Waes, uncultivated and uninhabited. Today it is one of the most fertile sections of this remarkable country, supporting 500 people to the square mile, with truck farming as its principal industry.

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